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## The Standard.

RALEIGH: SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1861.

### The Convention, Thursday.

The morning hour was occupied in the introduction of a number of ordinances and propositions for amendments to the Constitution in relation to the subjects of taxation, and the qualifications for holding civil offices in the State; and by several resolutions of enquiry in regard to the military affairs of the State, the number of troops reported and accepted, commissions issued, expenses, appointments to military positions, &c., &c., which were laid on the table, to be considered in secret session.

The committee to whom was referred the ordinance providing for the adoption of the Confederate States' Constitution, reported an ordinance for that purpose, which, together with a substitute offered by Mr. Craig, and amendment by Mr. Dick submitting the question to the people, was ordered to be printed.

After adopting a resolution to begin the daily sessions at 10 o'clock, the Convention went into secret session, at 12:30 p. m.

### War Rumors.

Our City and country readers will do well to guard against needless excitement, originating in sensation war rumors. A rumor has been circulated upon our streets, that dispatches had been received from Gov. Letcher of Virginia by our authorities, making a requisition for all the available force of the State immediately, and that Richmond was menaced by the landing of 1500 federal troops at the head of York river, 17 miles of the city; and further that Norfolk was threatened by an immense body of Northern troops. It is doubtless true that a request has been made by Virginia for all our available force to be forwarded as soon as possible. In obedience to this request, in addition to the first regiment which left on Tuesday last, another regiment left this city for Virginia on Thursday morning, and it is probable the second regiment has been ordered off from Garysburg. Other troops will doubtless be needed from this State, and we are sure any number required will be forthcoming, so soon as they can obtain the necessary equipments.

But it is not true that Richmond has been menaced, as we are informed by a gentleman just from that city. No troops have been landed or attempted to be landed at the head of York river. Nor has there been an attempt to land troops at or near Norfolk, except in the early part of this week, when a supposed attempt was made by armed vessels from Fortress Monroe, at the mouth of Nansemond river, which however were readily bluffed off by the active operations of the batteries at that point. So far as we can ascertain, Norfolk is well protected, and the troops there, which will be augmented as it becomes necessary, are ready for the invaders.

We intend to keep our readers fully advised of every movement of the enemy, from reliable sources. With the exception of the attack upon the battery at Sewell's Point, an account of which will be found in this and the last issues, no collision has taken place, except a small brush at the retaking by the Federal troops of the Smith's Point Light, in which we believe no blood was shed. The affair at Sewell's Point is highly creditable to our troops.

TROOPS COMING AND GOING.—The Rough and Ready Guards from Buncombe county, Z. B. Vance, 105 strong, arrived on Tuesday and went into camp at Burke Grove. On Wednesday, the Madison Rangers, Capt. Peak, 78 men, and the Haywood Rangers, Capt. Robert Love, 98 men, arrived and went into camp at the Fair Grounds.

Four companies left for Richmond on Thursday morning, viz: Cleveland Guards, Capt. Fuller; Lumberton Guards, Capt. Norment; Duplin Rifles, Capt. Keenan; and the Catawba Rifles, Capt. Gray. The following left for the camp at Weldon and Garysburg by the same train, viz: Cleveland Blues, Capt. Dickinson; Columbus Guards, Capt. Ellis; Randleburg Rifles, Capt. Erwin; Thomasville Rifles, Capt. Miller; and the Yanceyville Grays, Capt. Graves.

These companies are composed of the material that good soldiers are made of, and we haven't a shade of doubt, that when they engage the enemy they will acquit themselves bravely and to the honor of their good old mother State. May success and honor attend them to the field, and a happy greeting of wives, sweethearts and friends await them on their return.

SUSPENSIONS.—We are pained to see that the exigencies forced upon us by the war, have compelled a number of the newspapers of this State to suspend. The Asheville Spectator, Kinston American Advocate, Wilson Leader, Wilmington Herald, and the North-Carolina Christian Advocate, are among the number.

POWERS.—It is stated by a correspondent of the Charleston Courier, that there are two good powder mills at work in Pickens District in South-Carolina.

### The Raleigh Register.

The Editor of this once respectable and conservative journal issued an extra on Monday last, the first day of the Convention, and had copies laid on the desks of members. This extra contained among other things a low personal attack on us. We perceived its object at once, to wit, to secure the printing of the Convention. Sure enough on Tuesday the State Journal was republished, and the Register was elected Convention printer. We had the pleasure of voting against both of them, and in doing so we entertain no doubt we represented a large majority of our constituents.

Our prediction made in an address or circular to the people of Wake on the 11th instant, has proved true. We then said the Editor of the Register is "anxious to signalize himself in his new position by an extra display of zeal, and the height of his ambition now is to supplant John Spelman as the mouth-piece of the Squad referred to." Will, the ambition of the Register be gratified. Happy Register!—unhappy Spelman!

The coarse attack made by the Register on us, to which we have referred, was based on an article in the Standard of the 18th, deprecating party spirit in this crisis, and urging true men to perform their whole duty to the country, notwithstanding the effects of party spirit thus referred to and deplored.—The Register pretends to believe that our article was "designed to make mischief," and "calculated to produce disaffection in the ranks of the soldiers." Malice, and nothing else, led the Editor to this conclusion. We wrote that article deliberately, and we stand to it. It is true. The object we had in view in penning it was a good one, and we are not surprised, therefore, that the Register does not appreciate the article or its object.

Our amiable cotemporary is pleased to regard us as unworthy of his notice as a gentleman, because in response to a polite intimation from him, we refused to recognize the "code of honor." This assumption on his part is well understood here. We can afford to regard this assumption and the man who makes it, with calm scorn. True courage consists in performing one's duty faithfully and fearlessly, without regard to consequences; and the fact that a man fights a duel, or says he will fight one, unless arrested, or unless the difficulty is "amicably arranged," gives him no right to put on airs and assume to be braver or better than other people. But for our position as a public journalist, the Editor would "in future decline to take any sort of notice of" us; "after what has recently taken place between" him and us! Verily, as Mr. Van Buren once said, "our sufferings are intolerable." But we trust we shall be able to bear them, and in doing so we take leave to say to our amiable cotemporary that we are his superior in political position, his equal as a gentleman, and that our moral character is at least as good as his.

We take leave also to inform our amiable neighbor—whose benignant disposition would thaw an iceberg in January, and who uniformly considers himself patriotic when he is only bilious—that on the 13th of May, 1861, we were elected to the Convention from Wake County by just five majority. We will also add, that if the Convention elected in February had been held, we should, according to promise, have voted for our cotemporary for Convention printer; but that the sudden and most eccentric commercial performance by our cotemporary between February and May, placed it out of our power to do so on Tuesday last.

### State Troops.

We cull from the papers the following items of information. We should be obliged to our friends, if they would furnish us a correct list of all the companies raised in each County of the State, the officers and number of privates in each, and the amount raised in each County for war purposes.

OLD SAMPOON.—The magistrates of Sampson Co. have authorized a subscription of \$30,000 to support the war; which in addition to a private subscription of \$15,000, makes \$45,000 for the County.

CUMBERLAND.—The Justices of this County have resolved to appropriate \$34,000 towards the war, for equipping soldiers and supporting their families. STANLEY.—A fine company has been enrolled in this County, and others will follow.

ROWAN.—An additional company has been raised in Rowan, called the "Scotch Ireland Grays."

RENCOW.—A company has been formed in this County, commanded by Capt. L. H. Webb. Also, a "Home Guard," under Capt. Jas. P. Leak.

ANSON.—A second company has been formed in this County—W. F. Hailles, Capt. Col. Carraway is raising another.

MONTGOMERY.—This County has a company nearly ready.

GREENE.—A company from this County, arrived at the camp at Goldsborough, last week.

FOREST.—Two companies encamped at "Winton and Salem, drilling."

GRANVILLE.—This County has two companies in the field, and three more will soon be ready.

HALIFAX.—This County has over 300 volunteers in the field.

CAMP AT GARYSBURG.—This camp is now composed of seven companies. Col. Pendler is in command. Three of the companies are commanded by such men as Hon. Thomas Settle, Hon. Alfred M. Seales, and Thos. Ruffin, Jr., Esq., from Alamance.

CAMP AT WELDON.—There are four companies at Weldon. Capt. Paul Faison has command.

PRAYER AND FASTING.—The last Biblical Recorder urges upon the Baptists of the State the propriety and necessity of observing the first and second days of June, as days of humiliation and prayer, according to the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention. A week or two ago, the N. C. Christian Advocate called upon the Methodists of the State to adopt regular and stated periods for prayer and fasting. Sinner as we are, we nevertheless believe in prayer. Events the most solemn and possibly overwhelming in their consequences, are at our doors. While our troops rush to the field to repel the invader, let Christians pray.

DR. NORWOOD.—This excellent Minister of the Episcopal Church, a North-Carolinian, officiating at Georgetown, D. C., has refused to use the usual prayer for the President, since the proclamation. It proved he will resign his charge.

FROM MARYLAND.—We sympathize deeply with the citizens of Maryland. Lincoln, not content with quarantining foreign mercenaries upon them to awe them into submission, and arresting her citizens, adds insult to injury. Mr. Cameron, Secretary of War, said the other day, "they must be either citizens or subjects." Can Freeman brook that?

FIRST REGIMENT.—The Petersburg Express, noticing the arrival of the First North Carolina regiment in that city says: "without drawing invidious distinctions, we must say that this is the best equipped Regiment which has yet made its route through our city. Everything seems to have been provided for them that a soldier could desire—arms, accoutrements, knapsacks, haversacks, canteens—in fact, nothing is wanting."

SOUTHERN FUNDS.—The New York Day Book says Southern funds are looking up in that city. North and South-Carolina money can be sold now at fifteen per cent, Virginia at twelve, and New Orleans at ten.

ALABAMA.—Rev. Dr. Pinckney, of Washington City, has been elected Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, by the Convention.

MASS. HILL.—Col. Henry L. Scott, who has been recently appointed Inspector General at Washington City, we believe is a North-Carolinian. How many others shall be put on the black roll?

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.—Hon. Mr. Regan, Post Master General of the Confederate States, has issued his proclamation, stating that he will take the control of mail matters on the first of June. His proclamation is excluded by the Convention proceedings.

SEVERAL subjects of importance are engaging the attention of the Convention, and it is probable that this body will remain in session longer than was anticipated by many, when it assembled.

IMPORTANT.—The Richmond Examiner says:—Gen. Jos. T. Johnston has been assigned to the command at Harper's Ferry. Gen. Beauregard to the command at Norfolk. President Davis will be in Richmond in a few days.

WE invite the attention of the people of the State to the Ordinance of Separation in our paper to-day, which was drawn up and presented by Mr. Badger, but rejected by the Convention. We regret that this admirable State paper was not adopted.

THE UNIVERSITY.—The last catalogue of the University, numbers 87 in the senior class. The war has greatly reduced the number. Of the whole number of 376 students during the year, 221 are of North-Carolina, 26 of Mississippi, 26 of Tennessee, 22 of Louisiana, 19 of Alabama, 17 of Georgia, 15 of South-Carolina, 10 of Texas, 5 of Florida, 4 of Virginia, 3 of Arkansas, 3 of Missouri, 2 of New Mexico, 1 each of California, Iowa, Kentucky and Ohio.

BEAUFORT.—The Washington Grays, commanded by Capt. Thomas Sparrow left Washington on Monday for the sea-coast. They will do their duty. D. M. Carter, Esq. also commands a fine company in that town, nearly ready to march.

PITT.—This County has raised over 300 troops and the County appropriates \$25,000 to supply their necessities and support their families.

A CAPTURE.—The ship Thomas Watson of New York, laden with provisions, and believed to be a government transport vessel, was captured by our troops at Smithville, on the Frying Pan Shoals last week, and brought to Smithville.

RIGHT VIEWS.—We sincerely admire the candor and honesty of the following sentiments of the Wilmington Journal and most heartily subscribe to them. If all parties in the State, in official or unofficial positions, will show by their acts that they are governed solely by such principles, North-Carolina will not only be a unit in prosecuting the war, but one in heart and feeling and purpose, to die together in the last ditch in defence.

We beg respectfully to urge upon the powers that be, that upon the Advisory Board, upon any body and every body who may have anything to do with appointments connected with the military service of the State, to exercise the utmost care to yield to no pressure to look forward to no political, or personal or clique advantages, in the bestowal of offices. We neither know nor care what the influences at work may be, so they be rightly used, and they must be used with the highest discretion and disinterestedness, or the consequences will be, if not disastrous, certainly discouraging and injurious.

FOR THE STANDARD.

TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE NORTH-CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The undersigned has been requested by the Publishing Committee of the Advocate, to make the following publication:

In January 1860, the Publishing Committee entered into an agreement with Rev. Rufus T. Hedfin, D. D. to publish the N. C. Christian Advocate on his own pecuniary responsibility; Mr. Hedfin to pay all its liabilities and to receive all its profits, without recourse to said Committee.

The Publishing Committee met in the city of Raleigh on the 20th instant, when Mr. Hedfin notified them, that in view of the responsibilities already incurred and the embarrassed state of the country, he desired to resign his position and close the existing contract; whereupon the Committee unanimously

Resolved, That he accept the resignation of Rev. R. T. Hedfin, D. D. as Editor, and do release him from all pecuniary obligation, from this date.

The Committee after due consideration and counsel, unanimously

Resolved, That we suspend the publication of the Advocate for the present, with the intention that its publication shall be resumed, so soon as the state of the country will justify it.

The Committee authorize the undersigned to assure the subscribers of the Advocate, that a correct list of the subscribers names will be preserved, and that so soon as in the judgment of the undersigned it can be done without pecuniary risk to the Committee, he is authorized to resume the publication of the paper, and to supply the aforesaid subscribers to the full amount of their subscriptions.

The paper is therefore suspended temporarily, solely because its weekly receipts did not meet its weekly expenses, and the Committee did not feel authorized to assume responsibilities for the Conference.

Now, therefore, to the end that this important interest of the Church may be speedily revived, I hereby urge and invite a free correspondence with all the friends of the Advocate, both in the ministry and laity, and do pledge myself to resume its publication so soon as a sufficient amount in new cash subscribers and donations shall be pledged to justify me in the undertaking.

Dr. Hedfin being anxious to meet his obligations as soon as possible, requests me to urge all persons who are in debt to the Advocate office in any way, to forward to me at this place, immediately, the several amounts due by them. All who desire to correspond directly with Dr. Hedfin, will address him at Frankfort, N. C.

WM. E. PELL,  
Late Associate Editor of the Advocate.

### Movements of the Enemy.

We glean the following items from the Virginia press:

Harper's Ferry, it is thought by some will not now be attacked. Gen. Scott has said that 60,000 men are needed along the banks of the Ohio; hence the concentration of troops in that direction.

Fortress Monroe will be reinforced in a few days, making there 15,000 men. Gen. Wool has been appointed in command. Troops from the Fort are gradually advancing upon and occupying the farms about Hampton, and it is intimated that this will be one of the avenues to Richmond.

A new military department has been made of Virginia, lying South of James river, North-Carolina and Tennessee, and Gen. Butler, of Mass., has been appointed to the command.

Arrests continue to be made at Washington city of those who sympathize with the South.

It is stated as a fact, that Lincoln had ventured out so far as to reconnoitre Arlington Heights.

A letter-writer in a New York paper, says: "It is not unlikely that the occupation by Federal troops of a strip of country between York and James river, as high up as Yorktown will take place. The distance across is ten miles, and whoever occupies it will command the inland waters of Virginia."

GENERAL NEWS.

RESIGNATION.—The last arrival from California brings intelligence of the resignation of General A. S. Johnson, one of the most skillful and accomplished officers in the U. S. army. He is a native of Kentucky, but was appointed from Texas.

ARTILLERY.—A regiment of artillery 475 strong, with thirty six field pieces and 144 horses, were to leave New Orleans, on the 20th inst., for Virginia. Many of the artillerymen were highly efficient in the Mexican war.

IT is stated in the New York Herald's Washington correspondence that President Lincoln has notified the foreign diplomatic corps that if any European power shall receive any Commissioner or Minister from the Confederate States, all intercourse with such power will be broken off, and the Minister representing it at Washington dismissed! Surely, John Bull and Louis Napoleon will grow scared when they hear that!

THE PANHANDLE.—The Convention composed of delegates from twenty-five counties of North-western Virginia, held in Wheeling recently, creates but little uneasiness. The infamous Carille could effect nothing in his attempts to divide the State. The Convention passed resolutions against the secession ordinance of the State, also to call another Convention 11th of June, and adjourned, sine die.

TEXAS.—The remaining federal troops in Texas have surrendered to Col. Van Dorn.

PESTILENCE.—Fears are entertained at Washington City of a pestilence among the troops. It would be wonderful, if they did not breed both pestilence and famine.

SEPMOR COURT.—In Cumberland special term, Judge Saunders presiding, Hardy Barnes of Robeson was convicted of the murder of Abby Rhodes, and sentenced to be hung on the 21st June.

SEPMOR COURT.—The Spring Term of Mecklenburg Superior Court is in session this week—Judge French presiding. This is the first trip of Judge French on a Western Circuit, and we are pleased to learn that the bar and people generally are well satisfied with his manner of doing business. By his courteous and kind deportment, and energy of character he has shown himself to be not only a gentleman but a just and competent Judge.—Charlotte Democrat.

MILITARY CAPS.—Miss Sallie Pool, of this place, is manufacturing Military and Citizen Caps of a very handsome style. The Home Guard, the Rowan Artillery and Mr. Fisher's Regiment, will all be furnished with caps manufactured by ladies of this place. They are made almost entirely of goods manufactured in the State.

The Caps are well made and furnished at a low rate. Orders sent to J. H. Ennis or to Miss Sallie Pool, will receive early attention.—Salisbury Watchman.

FRANKFORT, KY., May 21.—Gov. Magoffin has issued his proclamation notifying and warning all States, separate or United, especially the United and Confederate States, solemnly forbidding them against any movement upon Kentucky for any purpose whatever, until authorized, by permission from the Legislature to do so.

Hon. H. G. Brown, late United States Senator, is in command of one of the Mississippi companies.

LOUISIANA TROOPS.—About five hundred troops from Louisiana passed through Lynchburg Saturday, en route for Richmond, where the balance of their Regiment are encamped.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.—The Southern Baptist Convention met in Savannah, Ga., on the 10th inst. Dr. Fuller of Baltimore presided. He was the only delegate from Maryland. Rev. Messrs. Richard and Tey were the only delegates present from this State.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.—The Presbyterian General Assembly (O. S.) met in Philadelphia on the 16th inst.

The delegations from the Northern States were numerous, but there were none from North-Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas or Texas. Only one Presbytery was represented from Virginia, one from Missouri, two from Tennessee and three from Kentucky.

WRECK.—We learn that several vessels have recently been wrecked on our coast, owing to the extinguishment of the lights. Perhaps if our wreckers keep a sharp eye the State will profit by the blockade.

SOUTHERN CAPITOL.—It is announced that the Congress of the Confederate States, by a vote of that body, will be removed to Richmond Va., in a few days.

HUNG.—Glover, convicted of the murder of his wife, was hung at Greensboro, on Friday last. A large concourse of both sexes and colors, were present. The Times says.

"The Revs. J. H. Smith and L. L. Hendren accompanied the culprit to the gallows and gave him Spiritual counsel and prayed with him. He denied to the last the intention of killing his wife, and alleged it was accidental."

ARKS.—The Nashville Banner states that by an arrival at New Orleans from Europe, the Confederate States have received 250,000 exchange of arms.

ANDY JOHNSON.—An exchange speaking of Senator Johnson of Tennessee, says:

The man "who was once the idol of his State, is now hissed and hooted, despised and disgraced, wherever he goes; a fate which he truly deserves, and which awaits all who speak and act against their home and country."

FANCY BRANCHES.—A correspondent of the Wadesboro' Argus says: "There is a great rush for appointments from the Governor to fancy branches of the service—for births as aids, &c. In the medical department there are over eight hundred applications."

General Doniphan, who distinguished himself in the Mexican war, is on the stump in Missouri, in favor of secession.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The Richmond Dispatch says: "We understand that the North Carolina Regiment, encamped near this city, had a lively and joyous demonstration yesterday over the news that the Convention of their State, had passed an Ordinance of Secession. Nine cheers for the Old North State!"

PRINTERS' INK.—Messrs. Taylor and Hargrave have established a factory for printer's ink, in Richmond, Va.

## For the Standard.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.  
The fifty fifth annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North-Carolina, appointed to be held in Christ Church, Newbern, on the third Wednesday in May, but the meeting of which was postponed, will be held in Grace Church, Morganton, on the second Wednesday in July, 1861, being the tenth day of that month.  
THOMAS ATKINSON,  
Bishop of the Diocese of North-Carolina.

For the Standard.  
Mr. Enron: At my term of Surry County Court an appropriation of \$20,000 was made for the equipping of the volunteer companies that have been or may be raised in the County, and for the support of their families. Surry will not falter in the hour of trial.

Important from the Blockading Squadron.—The Monticello badly damaged—Six Men Killed—Several Wounded.—"Somedbody hurt" at last! Norfolk, May 20.—Between 1800 and 2000 Confederate troops landed at Sewell's Point last night, but the Yankees mercenaries did not actually, as apprehended, and our men, who were actually eager for the fray, had nothing to do.

The steamer West Point, Captain Rowe, belonging to the York River Railroad line, left the Railroad wharf at Portsmouth to-day under a flag of truce, to visit the Federal fleet off Old Point Comfort, for the purpose of carrying to that destination all the women and children who desire to join their Northern friends. The steamer was accompanied by Capt. Thos. T. Hunter, commander of the Virginia Navy.

The families of the following, among other persons, left in the steamer:  
James Hepenstall, L. T. Barnard, J. Lucas, Geo. Richard Boush, John Harborton, Joseph D. Knapp, Thomas Nelson, Robert Gill, John Butler, W. H. Lewis and James H. Hardwick.

The West Point having accomplished its mission, has returned.

Captain Hunter reports the Monticello as having fared very badly in her engagement with our battery at Sewell's Point yesterday. The boat is seriously damaged in both hull and machinery, and it is thought that it will be some time before she can engage in another bombardment.

Six men were killed on board, and several badly wounded.

I have been unable to learn the names of the killed, or the extent of the injuries of the maimed.—"Somedbody hurt" at last!

ALEXANDRIA, May 20.—About 1 o'clock to-day, a steamer from Washington was observed to convey some intelligence to the Pawnee, whereupon the latter immediately lowered her ensign to half-mast.—This fact gave rise to the rumor that Senator Douglas was dead. Many at first supposed it was Gen. Scott. It has since been ascertained, however, that the flag was lowered at half mast in honor of Col. Vossy, of the New York 71st Regiment, who died in Washington this morning.

One of the Col. Ellsworth's "Pet Lambs," in disguise, was arrested to-day, and is now under guard, awaiting an examination.

The Washington Star has the particulars of an attack on the grounded coast guard of the U. S. steamer stationed at the mouth of the Potomac, by a propeller from Richmond. It is reported that four of the U. S. soldiers were killed and five wounded. The former was brought to Ft. Washington. A steamer had started in pursuit of the propeller.

Two More Shots at the Sewell's Point Battery. Norfolk, May 21.—The Yankee Government steamship Monticello came up to Sewell's Point again to-day, and fired twice at the battery. The shots were promptly answered with guns of larger calibre than those used in the first engagement. Her situation somewhat dangerous, the Monticello forthwith steamed away. It is supposed that she was struck.

Two Days Later from Europe. St. Johns, May 20.—The steamship Persia has arrived, with Liverpool dates to the 11th of May. It is asserted, but not believed, that letters of marque, issued by the Southern Confederacy, have been granted to vessels at Liverpool and London. Lord Derby expressed the hope in the House of Lords that the forthcoming government proclamation would give warning that if Englishmen were privately engaged in blood would be upon their own heads. The London Times says, the mediation of England had well be offered to a hurricane as to the United States.

Later from Europe. FANTHER POINT, May 20.—The steamship Canadian, from Liverpool, with dates to the 9th of May arrived to-day.

American affairs were the prominent subjects of comment in England. The matter had been introduced into the House of Commons. Motions relating to belligerent rights and the recognition of the Southern Confederacy had been postponed. Lord Palmerston stating that a discussion of the subject was not yet mature.

Active preparations were in progress to send a powerful British squadron to the American coast. The French Chamber of Commerce has represented to the Government the necessity for a like measure of protection to French vessels.

MARRIED.  
Near Raleigh, the 20th inst., by W. D. Jones, Esq., Mr. J. J. Sunderland to Miss Martha E. Wall, daughter of Willie Wall, all of Wake County.

City papers please copy.

STRAYED OFF.  
STRAYED FROM MY FARMHOUSE, a black and white dog, about 18 months old, with a white patch on his chest, and a white collar round his neck. If anyone has seen him, please bring him home to me, and I will give him a good reward.

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